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GEORGE JACKSON LIVES!

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Editorial

ISRAELI AIR PIRACY

Once again a clear act of international piracy has been committed by the government of Israel. What else can the "interception" by Israeli Air Force jets of a commercial airliner belonging to the Middle East Air Lines of Lebanon be called?

And, once again, there's not a whisper of indignation or protest from the U.S. government or its controlled media. Both are as uncondemning of this blatant violation of international behavior as they were when Israeli jets shot down a Libyan commercial airliner, killing 109 persons last February.

Consequently, Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan feels free to arrogantly declare in Jerusalem following the incident that Israel would continue its operations "to hit the terrorists at their crossroads instead of chasing minnows".

By what right does Israel interfere with a commercial flight of the Lebanese air lines? By what right does it jeopardize the lives of 81 persons? Had the pilot ignored the order of the jets to land at the Israeli airfield -- which he had every right to do -- would the Israeli jets have shot the plane out of the air as they did the Libyan airliner?

There is no reason to assume they would not have. It is with this thought in mind that the Lebanese government said in notes to heads of foreign missions in Beirut that the seizure of the plane showed that Israel "followed the logic of gangsters and not that of a state".

Lebanon has charged Israel with air piracy and called for international sanctions against Israel for the action.

The last effort of the Security Council in July to condemn Israel for continuing to occupy Arab territories seized during the 1967 war was vetoed by the U.S. The veto was necessary because only in this could the U.S. prevent the council action supported by the overwhelming majority of council members.

The New York Times reports that there are indications the United States is opposed to another meeting on this latest Israeli snub at international law and behavior. If the Council is convened, are we to expect another U.S. veto?

Is the U.S. government now prepared to condone international piracy by the government of Israel? We dissociated ourselves from such a position and we believe the vast majority of the American people do also.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Beautiful Comrades,

We, the men at Lorton Concentration Camp, would like to thank you for assisting us by sending your very educational and inspiring paper.

The enclosed is our Tribute to George Jackson.

Yours in the struggle,
Raymond Brooks
Lorton, Virginia

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE JACKSON
August 21, 1971

Hey Man! That Governor, (what's his name?) - Yea, the corrupted one who works for this capitalist system. Well, anyway Comrade, now he wishes you were here. For when they assassinated you, WOW! You multiplied. I mean, man this system looks at us and now she sees you by the thousands.

Wasn't that Executive Assassination a very detrimental thing for them? Because, man, by you leaving us the way you did -- really motivated our Revolutionary Determination to be Free.

No, Comrade, your death was not in vain, for all over the world we feel the pain.

And believe me, Comrade, amerika will never be the same. We will either change its monstrous way or it shall die from its own infection.

That Congressman (can't recall his name), but he said, yea, White House amerika, you are the blame and if you don't change you're surely going up in flames.

You see, George Jackson was trying to draw the poison out of your veins. But you refused treatment and now you're going insane.

Amerika, the solution is under George Jackson's name --

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OPERATION GEMSTONE:

THE GREAT WATERGATE CONSPIRACY

The Nixon administration claimed it was investigating the Watergate break-in. But the radical California based, Citizen's Research and Investigating Committee (CRIC), reveals that while claiming to investigate, the Nixon administration was actually busy covering-up the break-in. THE BLACK PANTHER, to which CRIC has given exclusive pre-publication rights, has been presenting excerpts from a work in progress by CRIC, titled "Operation Gemstone: The Great Watergate Conspiracy". The excerpt which follows concerns the phoney investigation by the Justice Department and the FBI.

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Even as the cover-up of the Watergate break-in was in full swing, mysterious burglaries were occurring in Florida which bore a suspicious resemblance to the activities of the Gemstone team and other of the various White House covert operation squads.

On July 4, the office of the chief investigator for Dade County District Attorney Richard E. Gerstein was burglarized. Gerstein had just initiated an investigation into the financing of the Watergate break-in by funds from Bernard Barker's Miami bank account.

And on July 8, the office of Gainesville attorney Carol Wild Scott was broken into. Ms. Scott was the lawyer representing several members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (V.V.A.W.) who a few days after the burglary of Ms. Scott's office were indicted on federal charges of conspiring to attack the Republican National Convention with automatic weapons, crossbows and slingshots. Ms. Scott reported that in the burglary of her office, nothing of any value was taken, but her papers and files were searched, and a file on V.V.A.W. leader Scott Camil was missing.

James McCord was later to testify that V.V.A.W. was one of the organizations he believed was working out of the D.N.C. (Democratic National Committee) Watergate offices to plan demonstrations at the Republican Convention, and getting information on this connection was one of the motives for the Watergate break-in.

Throughout July, August and early September, (1972), the FBI and federal

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GEORGE JACKSON LIVES!



GEORGE JACKSON gave his life for the people.

On Saturday, August 21, 1971, the inevitable happened. On that day, hidden from public view by the stone gray walls of San Quentin Prison, the American Empire fulfilled the tragic prophesy of one of its many victims--George Lester Jackson was assassinated. The life of the giant man who had become legend, the man whose conduct had become The Standard upon which others measured themselves; the life of that man had come to an end.

There is no point in discussing the details of his assassination or uncovering new flaws in the "escape plan" cover-up. Suffice it to say that after 11 years of failing to crush Geroge Jackson with chains and beatings degradation, assassination became their last resort. This is a fact that everyone, including George Jackson, knew far too well.

George Jackson was a complex man, a committed and dedicated revolutionary, an insightful theoretician, an organizer supreme. Yet, above all the complexities, George Jackson was a Black man whose simple love of all living things transcended the chains and the bars, reached beyond the moment in a hungry grasp for the future ideal: the liberation of all humankind.

Such a man can never die...George Jackson Lives.

(The following quotes were all taken from George Jackson's last book, Blood in My Eye.*)*

"But nothing could mitigate the pain of confinement. Try to remember how you felt at the most depressing moment of your life, the moment of your deepest dejection. That is how I feel all the time. No matter what level my consciousness may be, asleep, awake, in between. The thing is here and it keeps me moving, pins my eye to the ball, upright, twenty-four hours a day."

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"Born to a premature death, a menial, subsistence - wage worker, odd-job man, the cleaner, the caught, the man under hatches, without bail-that's me, the colonial victim. Anyone who can pass the civil service examination today can kill me tomorrow. Anyone who passed the civil service examination yesterday can kill me today with complete immunity. I've lived with repression every moment of my life, a repression so formidable that any movement on my part can only bring relief, the respite of a small victory or the release of death. In every sense of the term, in every sense that's real, I'm a slave to, and of, property."

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"We will never have a complete definition of fascism, because it is in constant motion...But if one were forced for the sake of clarity to define it in a word simple enough for all to understand, that word would be 'reform'. 'Economic reform' comes very close to a working definition of fascist motive forces."

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"We must accept the eventuality of bringing the U.S.A. to its knees; accept the closing off of critical sections of the city with barbed wire, armored pig carriers criss-crossing the streets, soldiers everywhere, tommy guns pointing at stomach level, smoke curling black against the daylight sky, the smell of cordite, house-to-house searches, doors being kicked in, the commonness of death."

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"At the end of this massive collective struggle, we will uncover our new man, the unpredictable culmination of the revolutionary process. He will be better equipped to wage the real struggle, the permanent struggle after the revolution--the one for new relationships between men."

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"Settle your quarrels, come together, understand the reality of our situation, understand that fascism is already here, that people are already dying who could be saved, that generations more will die or live poor butchered half-lives if you fail to act Do what must be done, discover your humanity and your love in revolution. Pass on the torch. Join us, give up your life for the people."

ATMORE PRISON, ALABAMA

INMATES FOR ACTION ORGANIZING PROGRAM

(Atmore, Alabama) - The code of revolutionary prison inmates in the United States today is unify and organize; the putting together of a structure through which the inmates have a firm voice and solid programming to support their demands in efforts at prison reform.

The revolutionary prison inmates at Atmore, Alabama, have developed what must be seen as a truly together organization and platform to combat the slave-like conditions of the Alabama penal system. Inmates for Action (IFA) is the name of this organization.

The goal of Inmates for Action, as stated by IFA is "to change the inhumane conditions of Alabama's penal system so that prison conditions and the treatment of inmates will be the same as for any other human beings".

The IFA movement and aims are to: "eventually change all of Alabama's penal institutions from their present concentration camp existence into people's training centers and revolutionary staging areas."

IFA has carefully worked out what it calls "a political program of concrete issues and demands". Around these specific demands IFA is organizing and unifying prison inmates of the entire Alabama penal system. The 15 demands of the IFA program are basic to penal systems throughout the U.S.A.

The IFA program demands adequate and competent medical and health care, decent and nutritious food served hot, across-the-board upgrading of all Alabama penal facilities and that educational /vocational facilities be improved.

More and better correspondence privileges are demanded, together with the right to receive educational and political material through the mail. Improved visiting privileges and

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CHAVEZ: FARMWORKERS "STABBED IN THE BACK"

TEAMSTERS BETRAY UFW - SIGN SECRET CONTRACTS

(Delano, Calif.) - Negotiations between Cesar Chavez, Executive Director of the United Farm Workers Union, and Teamster officials suddenly and unexpectedly broke off last week, when Chavez learned that the Teamsters had secretly signed contracts with 25 Delano area grape growers the previous Thursday. "We have been stabbed in the back", declared the visibly angry Chavez as he stormed out of the meeting, held in Burlingame. "The Teamsters", he said, "were not talking in good faith".

In Washington, D.C., Teamster president Frank Fitzsimmons feinted "outrage" at the signings. But, the Teamster official who negotiated the signings, James Smith, spoke more truthfully: "As far as I am concerned, the contracts are effective as of Thursday night."

Chavez has declared time and time again that Teamster/grower "bad faith" in negotiating is a conspiracy between the two to destroy the UFW.

Prior to these most recent events, 2,000 farmworkers, displaying an enthusiasm and dedication that sparkled even as reports from the rest of California grew increasingly bleak and grim, took to the picket lines here in Delano on Monday, July 30th, as the grape strike returned to the place of its birth. It was in the fertile fields of Delano Valley 8 years ago that the black Aztec eagle of the United Farm Workers Union was first unfurled and the cry "Huelga" (Strike) first echoed across the land.



BOBBY SEALE speaks at a rally in Richmond, California in support of the farmworkers.

"Brothers and sisters, the work before you is very clear", declared Cesar Chavez, to more than 1,000 farmworkers and supporters who gathered as the midnight July 29th, contract deadline drew near. "We shall bring out our Huelga flags which are the symbol of justice for farmworkers all over this land."

Chavez, commenting on the negotiations between 29 Delano Valley grape growers and UFW officials, told the crowd of mostly Mexican-Americans that the growers felt they had "an ace up their sleeves". Here too, as in Coachella Valley and throughout Southern California, the rich and racist growers were simply waiting for the three year UFW contract to expire. Then they could sign "sweetheart" agreements with the corrupt Teamsters Union, lurking in the vineyards.

UFW officials generally conceed that it is unlikely that negotiations will resume in the near future and Chavez told the workers that California is

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RIZZO'S SECRET SPY SQUAD EXPOSED

(Philadelphia, Pa.) - Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo, who called Nixon's spying on Americans "un-American", has been doing some spying himself.

Philadelphia newspapers last week disclosed that Rizzo, armed with a 33-member political espionage team composed of Philadelphia's "finest" police, has been closing in on the lives of three of his political opponents -- City Council President, George X. Schwartz, Democratic Committee Chairman, Peter J. Camiel and Pennsylvania Governor, Milton Shapp. The disclosure raises the question that, if Rizzo, arch-enemy of the Black community, conducts surveillance on high-level members of city and state government, what super-spying must he be doing against local Black leaders, against the Black community as a whole and against the Philadelphia Chapter of the Black Panther Party.

Camiel and Schwartz have charged that Rizzo's spy squad has bugged their telephones, burglarized their offices and homes and followed members of their families. Other top city officials, including former Philadelphia Mayors Richardson Dilworth and James H. Tate, have accused ex-police commissioner Rizzo, of bugging their phones. In fact, numerous political figures in City Hall have

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DALLAS, TEXAS

YOUTHS "CONFESS" TO AVOID POLICE ABUSE

(Dallas, Texas) - Racist Dallas policemen have been taking full advantage of the fear that was recently instilled in the Chicano community here by the terrorist police slaying of twelve year old Santos Rodriguez. The police have been picking up young Chicanos, as young as ten and eleven years of age, and taking them to the police station for questioning. Afraid of receiving the same treatment that young Santos received, a bullet in the back of the head, the innocent children confess to crimes they did not commit.

Once such a "confession" is obtained, the youths are officially arrested, fingerprinted and quickly released. By "solving" crimes this easy way the Dallas Police Department has been rapidly building up lists of police records for young "first offenders" and clearing lists of unsolved crimes.

OTHER MURDERS

Since the slaying it has also been learned that the police officer who killed the handcuffed youth has been involved in many atrocities and cases of police brutality in the past. Officer Darrell Cain, age 33, who is White, had previously murdered a 42 year old Native American and an 18 year old Black youth. The murder of the Black youth, Brother Michael Morehouse, was nearly as brutal as his most recent kill.

As Brother Morehouse lay wounded in the street, already shot in his back and leg by Cain's bullets, officer Cain approached him and fired the fatal bullet into the back of his head. According to at least four witnesses, Brother Morehouse begged for mercy as Cain aimed the final shot.

In the case of Santos, Cain and his partner, officer Roy Arnold, raided the home of the Rodriquez family between midnight and 3:00 a.m., and arrested Santos and his 13 year old brother, David.

Taking them in their patrol car, handcuffed, to a vacant lot, the two policemen told the youths to confess to a gas station burglary. When they persisted in denying knowledge of the crime, Cain drew his large caliber revolver, a .357 Magnum, emptied all but one bullet, placed it to Santos' head and slowly clicked the trigger until the bullet discharged, blowing Santos' brains out.

CALIFORNIA PRISONERS DENIED RULE BOOK

(Sacramento, Calif.) - The Director of the California Department of Corrections (CDC) has recently issued his own "little Red Book". Encased in a blood-red cover, the 76-page, pocket-size booklet contains the new rules and regulations for California prisons and other facilities run by the CDC.

Despite the ruling that a copy of the current Rules and Regulations be provided to every inmate, none has yet received this "little Red Book". This is an example of the extent to which CDC officials intend to abide by these approved rules and regulations.

A repeated demand of prison inmates around the country has been to be provided with those rules and regulations that govern their total life style. California officials have consistently refused, as have prison officials throughout the country.

Prison inmates logically ask: "How are we to follow the rules and regulations if we do not know what they are?" Prison guards and officials respond: "We'll tell you what they are. You do not need them in writing".



DAVID HILLIARD, one among many prisoners denied the "Little Red Book".

But experience has taught our incarcerated brothers and sisters that what happens inside and what they are told by self-serving guards and prison officials, is usually in violation with approved prison procedure. This is true because persons other than prison guards and custodial officials set out and approve the rules and regulations, and are therefore subject to public scrutiny. Inside, public scrutiny is impossible.

Thus, Paragraph 2, Section DP-1002 of Chapter 1 states: "A copy of the current Rules and Regulations, of the Director of Corrections will be provided to each inmate upon arrival at any departmental institution." This is not done and has never been done in California prisons.

At the same time, Paragraph 3 of this same section, states: "Violation or attempted violation of a rule will lead to disciplinary action. Not knowing a rule is no excuse for violation."

If a prison inmate does not have a copy of the rules and regulations in his possession, who determines if he knew a rule that has been broken? Obviously, the guard or prison officials who claim the prison inmate was told the rule.

In other words, so long as the rules and regulations booklet is kept from the prison inmates, they are totally at the mercy of the prison guards and officials. This situation leads to gross violations of the rules by the prison officials, as well as constant and deliberate misinterpretation of the rules in ways to serve the interests of the officials.

Our incarcerated brothers and sisters tell THE BLACK PANTHER that, in fact, prison officials do not dare provide prison inmates with the rules

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"Until We're Free"

A powerful, yet tender and important new album by Elaine Brown. The songs on the album weave a beautiful tapestry of protest against the quality of life for Black Americans. Listeners will find themselves engulfed in a flow of emotion as Elaine's melodic voice works its magic. Once you have heard "Until We're Free," you will understand why Huey P. Newton says: "A consuming talent, a total dedication and a proven commitment are combined in Elaine Brown, making her the first, genuine People's Artist America has produced."

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NEW HAMPSHIER STATE PRISON

UNJUST PRACTICES CHALLENGED-GUARD EXPOSES WARDEN

(Concord, N.H.) - A three day hearing of a suit challenging the legality of the transfer of nine brothers from the New Hampshire State Prison to federal facilities has ended for now.

A related class action suit challenging the two-month lockup and shakedown preceding the transfers was dismissed by U.S. District Judge Hugh H. Bownes within less than 15 minutes of the first day's hearing.

Joseph C. Vitek, warden of N.H. State Prison, ordered a general lockup of 250 prison inmates on March 6th. Vitek ordered the lockup because of what he called "rumors of a riot and escape plans". He then ordered a shakedown of each cell. Many brothers were abused by state troopers and guards as they invaded the cells for "contraband" and personal property.

Each prisoner was stripped and searched by state troopers. Many were fed only bologna sandwiches and milk, as Vitek and his guards refused them proper food. Although Judge Bownes dismissed the suit to end the lockup, he issued a direct order to Vitek out-of-court to end the two month lockup.

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SUIT FILED AGAINST GEORGIA JAILS

(Atlanta, Georgia) - A suit filed in the U.S. District Court here asks for a court order enjoining (ordering) the sheriffs of three counties in the state of Georgia to desegregate the jails and other detention facilities under their supervision. The suit charges that the three county jails involved are racially segregated in violation of a 1968 federal court order.

A state law in Georgia had required racial segregation of prisons and jails but it was struck down as unconstitutional on June 27, 1968. However, Sheriff Frank Lott of Polk County and Sheriff L.W. Bailey of Troup County have chosen to completely ignore the ruling and continue the practice of jailing prisoners on seperate floors of the jails they command.

Sheriff Jimmy Bloodworth of Bibb County has racially segregated the prisoners in his custody in seperate cell blocks with seperate recreation and visiting periods.



High food prices are responsible for the small number of shoppers.

A FOOD COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

THE POOR CONSPIRE TO SURVIVE

(Oakland, Calif.) - Food cooperatives, sometimes called food conspiracies, are one answer to the present high cost of food. They are a temporary answer. Only when every human being's right to a healthy and nutritious diet is guaranteed will the permanent answer begin to emerge.

At Oakland Housing Authority Lockwood Gardens project, and in isolated communities around the country, food cooperatives have sprung up and are rapidly taking hold. Any community can organize and build a food cooperative.

Food cooperatives are not as difficult as most persons think. But, their benefits to members are enormous. By eliminating both the distributor and the retailer, food conspiracies bring down the price of food and goods drastically.

THE WAY IT WORKS

This is the way a food conspiracy works:

A group comes together from a community, a church, a club or from a place of employment. An initial sum is collected from each member of the group possibly as a loan. With this sum and after consultation with the group as a whole, food or goods are purchased directly from the wholesalers, at wholesale prices.

The food or goods is then sold to individual members of the group at a modest mark-up from the wholesale price. The difference between the price paid and the mark-up price goes into the cooperative kitty. It is then used to make additional wholesale purchases, that are in turn sold to the co-op members.

The co-op "bank" swells. Monies accumulated are used to repay initial loans, secure temporary locations for the storage of foods, facilitate the pick-up and delivery of orders and aid the general organization of the cooperative.

Those are the basic steps.

There are a number of problems that initially arise with inexperienced groups. As in all attempts at organizing, a primary problem is initially

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ATTICA DEFENDANTS NEED HELP

(Rochester, N.Y.) - Many of the 60 men indicted for events that took place during the Attica rebellion are now eligible for bail or will be soon. These men have finished serving their sentences for the offenses for which they were orginally incarcerated but must remain behind bars because they still face the rebellion charges. Although eligible for bail, they are too poor to surrender the very high fees and so must continue to languish in prison.

Legal fees for this trial are expected to run more than $1,000,000 for the 60 defendants.

The Rochester Attica Coalition is appealing for contributions to establish a bail and defense fund. Any money remaining from bail fees will be used for the defendants legal counsel.

Send all contributions to: The Rochester Attica Coalition, P.O. Box 4083, Rochester, New York 14610. Make checks payable to: Attica Brothers Defense Fund.

INMATES FOR ACTION

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no less than three conjugal visits yearly for every convict.

Working inmates should receive the official minimum wage and be allowed to form and join labor unions. Religious freedom for all prisoners is demanded as is the abolition of punitive isolation and solitary confinement. Paroles should be mandatory on life sentences after 7 years and automatic after a maximum of 10 years.

An inmate-workers' insurance plan is demanded as well as a legal aid program. Officers and prisoner elected inmate committees on disciplinary boards, classificaton boards, custody boards, etc., are demanded. Constitutional and civil rights and privileges are demanded and the ending of the further construction of prisons, jails and juvenile training schools. The alternative, the IFA demands, should be community-based treatment centers.

COLLECTIVE COHESIVENESS

IFA is composed of four committees. Any prisoner becoming a member of IFA participates on one of the committees in support of the overall program. This creates a collective cohesiveness. The Central Committee is the ruling body of the organization. It consists of all the officers and the chairman of each of the three other committees.

The Legal Committee handles all legal work of IFA and insures the legality of the organizational work and action.

The Action Committee, as its name suggests, handles actual agitation, education, and mobilization of the prisoners. It works closely with the other committee to insure that the IFA program is carried out exactly.

The Information and Communication Committee is responsible for all publications, the gathering and distribution of printed information and correspondence with outside groups, including the press and public relations.

A work plan for each day of the week is followed. Mondays, recruitment and political education; Tuesdays, history is studied; Wednesdays, Constitutional/legal aid is studied; Thursdays, current events - local, national and international; Fridays, revolutionary theory; Saturdays, study of imperialism, colonialism, capitalism, fascism and socialism and Sundays, general education and "thinking for self".

The IFA program and organization is the result of patient and persistent work over several years by a revolutionary cadre in the Alabama prisons. There are lessons to be learned from this experience by prison inmates across this land.

POST OFFICE

SISTER VICTIM OF POSTAL DISCRIMINATION PLOT

(Oakland) - Delores Nelson is a victim of a Nixon administration plot to get rid of Black postal workers. The administration fears that postal workers might organize, strike, and consequently tie up the very important mail delivery system.

Sister Delores was removed from her job at Oakland's main post office in 1971. Since that time, and with the help of her union, the predominantly Black National Alliance of Postal and Federal Workers (known as the National Alliance), she has been fighting to regain her position.

Sister Delores began being harassed by the post office in early 1971. One day after becoming sick on the job, she called the hospital. After telling her symptoms to the doctor, she was told to come to the hospital. Although her foreman told her she could not go, she was suffering so much, she went anyway. While there, she was told she had hepatitis.

As a result of the foreman's inhuman attitude, Sister Delores submitted a complaint to the post office's equal opportunity counselor.

Upon returning to work she found a tense atmosphere, increased harassment, and herself being constantly watched. The foreman openly expressed resentment against her as a result of the complaint she had filed. He told her that her problem was she had too many doctors and advised, "You should get you a good vet".

SISTER FIRED

Later, in December, Sister Delores injured her back while pushing a dolly over a rise in the post office floor. By April, she was partially paralyzed from the injury. Although she was hospitalized, she was not granted any advanced sick leave. She did, however, receive a letter claiming she had falsified some medical records in August, 1971 and was consequently being removed from her job.

It was obvious the post office fired her because she was a Black woman who dared to file a complaint against her boss. The post office, under the generalship of a Nixon appointee from Alabama, William Blount, wanted to rid itself of anyone who would stand up for their rights, anyone who might organize against the unjust postal system. Sister Delores told THE BLACK PANTHER that it was clear to her that the post office and Kaiser Hospital, which handles all of the post office's injury cases, were conspiring together in a rotten scheme to remove Black postal workers.

Proof of the Nixon administration's plan to get rid of Black postal workers is contained in the employment figures from 1969, when Nixon took office, to 1973. While the number of Oakland postal employees increased from 3,600 in 1969 to 3,900 in 1973, the number of Blacks has decreased from 2,800 to 2,200.

When Sister Delores challenged her removal, she was told the National Alliance could not represent her. In spite of this, when the National Alliance submitted a complaint to the Civil Service Appeals Examiner, he recommended that she be reinstated, be given back pay and that reprisals be taken against those who conspired against her.

The post office, however, rejected these recommendations. Consequently, the National Alliance took Sister Delores' case to the Civil Service Commission in Washington, D.C., where it is pending.



Brother IVORY PERRY chained to fence. He and the brothers beside him are protesting discriminatory hiring on Model Cities construction project.

ST. LOUIS

FUROR OVER MODEL CITIES PROJECT

BROTHER CHAINS SELF TO FENCE

(St. Louis) - Protesting the small number of Black construction workers on a Model City's construction project, a Black housing developer highlighted the community's concern by chaining himself to one of the gates surrounding the project. Brother Ivory Perry, a developer with the Union Sarah Community Corp., along with picketers from the Urban Contractors Alliance, United Organizations Coalition and the Alliance of Black Construction Workers, was protesting a Model City agency's recent contract award for the $13 million Arthur J. Kennedy Model City Skill Center Project.

According to Model City guidelines, Model City programs are supposed to train and employ residents living in the area of the program. This was not being done. Out of 38 construction workers only eight, or less than 20 percent, were Black.

Brother Perry chained himself to the gate beginning at 7:30 a.m. on July 23rd, to prevent the entrance or exit of personnel and material and to dramatize the importance of Model City complying with its own resident employment and training requirements.

The supervisor of Hankins Construction Co., which has been handling the project, called the police to remove Brother Perry from the gate and have him arrested. However, because the project was considered federal property, the local police could neither remove nor arrest Brother Perry.



Picketers at Skill Center Project.

The police department's only action was to ask Brother Perry to unchain himself at 4:00 p.m. so the workers could go home. He did so and promised he would return the following day.

PIT RIVER NATIVE AMERICANS CHALLENGE U.S. GOV'T

(Look Out, California) - The Pit River Tribal Council has decided that it will bring kidnap and conspiracy charges against the U.S. government if it persists in forcing Pit River young men to be drafted into the U.S. Army. The Council has also repossessed 120 acres of land at Montgomery Creek, California, which fall within the ancestral boundaries of Pit River Territory. The Pit River tribe of Native American people has never surrendered to the United States or any of its armed agencies.

Bruce Wayne Gali of Ajumawi Band, a member of the Pit River tribe and the young man the U.S. government has arrested and will attempt to bring to trial, is charged with "failure to report for induction in the armed forces". He will make a test case of this issue for his people. Presently out on bail, Bruce Gali is scheduled to appear in federal court in San Francisco, on August 16, 1973. The Pit River Tribal Council has told him: "(1) Not to report to the magistrate on August 16, 1973, at 10:00 a.m.; (2) Not to have further correspondence or contact with the U.S. officials; (3) Not to leave the boundaries of Pit River territory for any reason that might be connected with the charge of the United States; (4) Not to bear arms against other oppressed peoples".

In a recently distributed press statement, signed by Councilwoman Betty Craig, (Ajumawi Band), the tribal leaders stated that they felt that Bruce Gali's reporting to court would be "a willful act of surrendering to the conspiracy of the governmental order". The statement also indicated that the Pit River Native Americans have "always disagreed" with the U.S. government's conscription of Native Americans into the U.S. armed forces.

The release continued: "If the U.S. government, or any branch of government comes to Pit River to take Bruce Gali and force him into the military, the Pit River Councilpeople will have no other recourse except to bring charges of kidnap against the U.S."

In a letter to the President of the United States, Councilman Raymond Lego informed the government that 120 acres of public domain under the Bureau of Land Management at Montgomery Creek, California, were being re-possessed by the Pit River Tribal Council. The letter explained that using the laws established by the federal government to attain their civil and human rights and re-acquire their own land has proved "futile" for the Pit River Native Americans. "Therefore", the letter continued, "We must institute our pre-emption power of an unconquered peoples."

The letter also explained that a Darryl Wilson had been living on the parcel of land in question for the last four months and was building a home there. It went on to say that Mr. Wilson was being appointed caretaker of the 120 acres by the Tribal Council.

The United States has, throughout its history, forcibly taken lands away from the nations of people native to the land and through treachery, coerced treaty agreements or outright military force, claimed ownership of these lands and their resources. The Native American peoples have been particularly victimized by this exploitation as the entire territory of the continental United States has been stolen from them.

"As you well know", the letter informs the President, "it is the position of the Pit River Tribal Council that we have never relinquished title to our land to any government and have no intention of doing such." The document additionally states, "This land is tribal property and you should inform your subordinates to treat it as such. Trespassing, of course, is not encouraged."



Dallas community demonstrating against police murder of non-White youths. See story on page 1.

PEOPLE'S PERSPECTIVE

AUTO WORKERS VICTORY

(Detroit) - Two autoworkers, disgruntled at failure to get their supervisor fired for gross injustices toward workers, took over a control area and shut down a Chrysler Corporation assembly-line recently. For 13 hours, Issac Shorter and Larry Carter carried on the protest, which ended in victory. The protest cost Chrysler the production of 950 $5,000 Chryslers.

INDIANS ARREST FBI

(Rapid City, S.D.) - Lawyers for defendans of the Wounded Knee occupation have made citizens arrest of three FBI agents who assaulted attorneys of the Wounded Knee Legal Defense - Offense Committee. Lawyers also charged that the FBI had been bugging and conducting other types of electronic surveillance of the defense operations for the Native American participants in the occupation from a building FBI agents had moved into located next door to the committee's law office.

CORPORATIONS RECORD PROFIT

(New York) - Some of the world's largest corporations are complaining that the record breaking profits they received in the quarter ending June 30th, were not enough. Average profits rose 30 percent over the similar period last year. The "energy crisis" has generated increased profits for Texaco of 44.5 percent, Exxon's profit rose 54 percent, Gulf's rose 82 percent and Occidental Petroleum's profits rose an unprecedented 556 percent.

BRAIN CONTROL-RIOT CONTROL

(London) - A British electronics firm has developed a "riot" control device which incapacitates people by interferring with their brain waves. The photic driver, as it is called, uses flashing infrared light and pulsing ultrasonic noise to pull brain waves from their normal frequency. The subjected indivdual sees and hears nothing, becomes lethargic, dizzy, perhaps nauseous, and may suffer epileptic fits.

ITT CONTROL OF FOREIGN AID

(New York) - The U.S. government withheld millions of dollars of foreign aid to Ecuador in 1971 and 1972 at the request of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp., according to the August 11th issue of *Business Week* magazine. Pressure was exerted on the U.S. government to secure a more favorable settlement for ITT's expropriated properties in Ecuador.

BY HUEY P. NEWTON

REVOLUTIONARY SUICIDE

"FALLEN COMRADE"

Brother George Jackson was gunned down by San Quentin prison guards after eleven years captivity in California's prison system. Brother Huey P. Newton is no stranger to the kind of treatment George Jackson had endured, nor to the tactics a revolutionary activist must use to organize prisoner resistance. Both knew the necessity of being constantly alert to attack and the ever-present dehumanization. Brother Huey was well prepared to write the following selection about Brother George, an excerpt from his new book, Revolutionary Suicide.

George Jackson had genius. Genius is rare enough and should be treasured, but when genius is combined in a Black man with revolutionary passion and vision, the Establishment will cut him down. Comrade Jackson understood this. He knew his days were numbered and was prepared to die as a true believer in revolutionary suicide. For eleven years he insisted on remaining free in a brutal prison system. All along he resisted the authorities and encouraged his brothers in prison to join him. The state retaliated: parole was continually refused; solitary confinement was imposed on him for seven years; threats on his life were frequent - from guards, from inmates who called themselves "Hitler's Helpers", from "knife thrusts and pick handles of faceless sadistic pigs". And finally they murdered him.

In the months before his death everything began to close in. He was one of the few prisoners who was shackled and heavily guarded for his infrequent trips to the visitors' room. Attempts on his life became almost daily occurrences. But he never gave in or retreated. Prison was the crucible that shaped his spirit, and George often used the words of Ho Chi Minh to describe his resistance: "Calamity has hardened me and turned my mind to steel."

"LIKE A BROTHER"

I knew him like a brother. At first, I knew him only spiritually, through his writing and his legend in the prison system, when I was at the Penal Colony and he was at Soledad. Then, not long after my arrival, I received through the prison grapevine a request from George to join the Black Panther Party. It was readily granted. George was made a member of the People's Revolutionary Army, with the rank of General and Field Marshal. For the next three years we were in constant communication by means of messages carried by friends and lawyers and inmates transferred from one prison to another. Despite the restrictions of the prison system, we managed to transmit our messages on paper and on tapes. Among George's contribution to the Party were articles he wrote for The Black Panther newspaper, which furthered our revolutionary theory and provided inspiration for all the brothers. In February, 1971, I received this letter from him:

2/21/71

Comrade Huey,

Things are quiet here now, tonight we have discipline and accord, tomorrow all may fly apart again-but that's us.

I have two articles that I would like to be put in the paper, one following the other by a week. The one on Angala first. Then if you approve, I would like to contribute something to the paper every week or whenever you have space for me.

If yes, let me know if there is any area in particular you would like me to cover (comment on).

Then do I comment as observer or participant?

One favor-please don't let anyone delete the things I say or change them around, I don't need an editor, unless what I say is not representative of the Party Line, don't let anyone change a word. When I make an ideological error of course correct it to fit the party's position. And don't let them shorten or condense, if something is too long, part one-part two it.

If you want to use me to say nasty things about those who deserve it, it may be best for me to comment as an observer, that way less contradictions between yourself and people you may have to work with.

You told --- that you and I had a "misunderstanding" once but that it was cleared up. When was it that we misunderstood each other?

Be very careful of messages or any word that has supposed to have come from me. I really don't recall any misunderstanding.

People lie for many reasons.

Try to memorize my handwriting, that is how all messages will come in the future (if we have a future).

Did you know that Angela and I were married a while back? And I had almost pulled her all the way into our camp, just before Eldridge made that statement?

I had done so well in fact that C.P. tried to cut our contacts, attacked my sanity in little whispers and looks in conversing with her, and cut off my paid subscription to their two newspapers.

Strange, that they would be afraid of the F.B.I., and not afraid of the Cat. Perhaps they've reached an understanding. Some of them anyway.

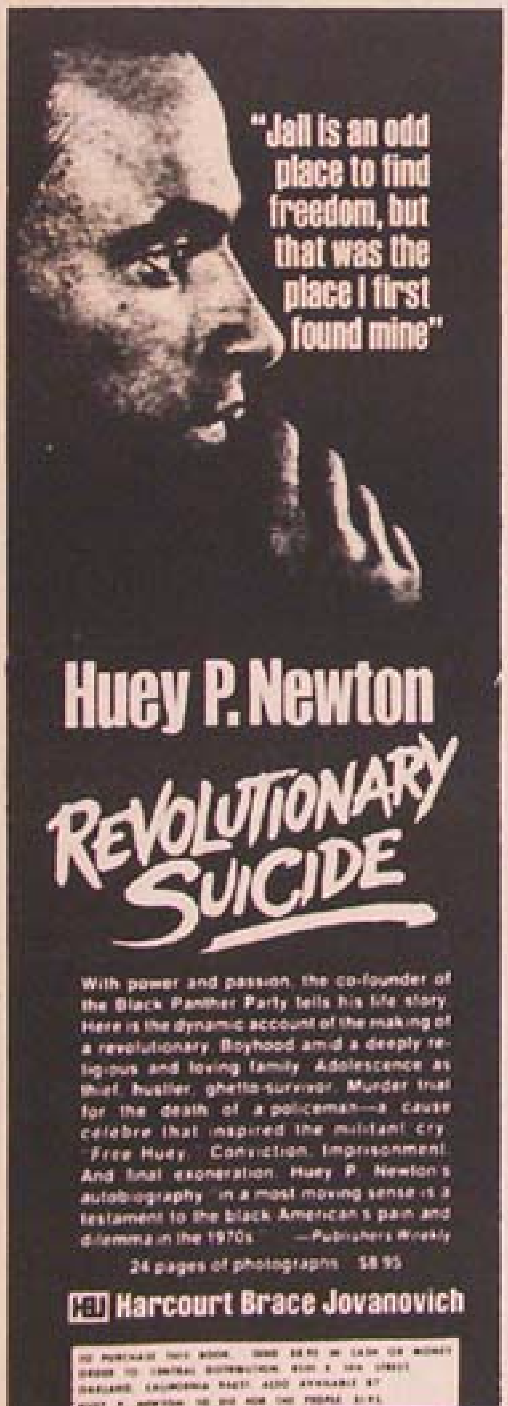
Is --- C.P.? Man, what's happening with her. She has no control at all of her mouth. Or ego.

Arrange for a good contact or write and seal messages with a thumbprint. I have ideas I'd like to leave with you all.

Thanks Brother for helping us. Beautiful, hard, disciplined brothers in here, I'd like to deliver them to you someday.

George

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK



BLACKS AND THE WATERGATE HEARINGS: ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN



The Watergate hearings have shown that NIXON and his colleagues are not representatives of the people, but corrupt criminals turning America into the most repressive society in the history of the world.

After 37 days of hotly-contested televised hearings, after listening to the testimony of 33 witnesses, whose stories and revelations ranged from incredible to credible to outright lies, the Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities has now taken time out to catch its breath. Recess will last until September 10th, and if Watergate, Part II, is as successful as Watergate, Part I, the next recess called may be for only one purpose -- the impeachment of the President of the United States, Richard M. Nixon.

Yet, while the Watergate hearings are temporarily suspended, and before the economy completely collapses, we all might take this time to access,re-access, discuss and even speculate: What do the implications of these hearings mean for us, the poor and oppressed? What, in fact, is going on?

Briefly, it's this. Seven U.S. Senators, plus two legal counsels and numerous aides, are conducting an investigation into the possibility of illegal activities in the 1972 Presidential campaign. They began their investigation from one known fact, namely that on June 17, 1972, five men, in possession of burglary tools and electronic surveillance equipment, were caught red-handed inside the Democratic National Campaign Headquarters, then located in the Watergate complex in Washington, D.C. Since that beginning, nearly three months ago, the facts have not only multiplied, but have grown to unprecedented proportions, implicating nearly every agency within the federal government -- including the Executive Branch and the President himself -- in a conspiracy to defraud, dupe, cover-up; a conspiracy directed against the American people.

Crimes already known to have been committed by the highest public officials in the land, America's top administrators and policy-makers, so far include: purgery; extortion; bribery; burglary; misuse of public funds; conspiracy to defraud; conspiracy to obstruct justice; jury tampering; kidnapping and perhaps, even murder. Before millions of people, throughout the world, evidence has come to light that the Nixon administration and its "strong-arm" task force, the Committee to Re-Elect the President, compiled secret "enemies" lists against their political opponents, conducted extensive and illegal domestic surveillance upon these same people, discussed million dollar "operations" involving prostitution, kidnappings and "knock-out" drugs, operated a squad of what can only be called "bag men" transporting illegal funds, and attempted to overthrow at least one foreign government, the Republic of Chile.

Examples of government corruption abound. The criminal indictments against the former Attorney General of the United States, John Mitchell, theoretically the nations highest caretaker of justice, and the former Commerce Secretary, Maurice Stans, read with brutal bluntness: "The defendants unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate and agree together and with each other to committ offenses against the United States... to defraud the United States and agencies there of... interfere and obstructing lawful government functions by deceipt, craft, trickery and means that are dishonest." From charges such as these, the President's nickname "Tricky-Dick", seems to be an understatement.

SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE

Filtering through the sordid antics of the most corrupt and scandal-filled administration in American history has been the task of the Senate Select Committee. They, surprisingly, have done admirably well. Chaired by a Southern Democrat from North Carolina, 76 year old Senator Sam Ervin, the committee has battled with uncommon zeal to unearth the truth of the cover-up and to pin-point the crimes and criminals involved.

Senator Ervin, in particular, has taken a leading role in defending certain Constitutional rights, and therefore, has defended the spirit of the Constitution as a whole, against the Nixon bombardment. *Time Magazine* describes Senator Ervin this way: "a master of constitutional law... a battler for individual rights with a blind spot for Blacks... Ervin is deeply concerned over the invasion of privacy involved in federal wiretapping. He is a major figure in the fight against Administration attempts to diminish freedom of the press. He is also a leader in the crucial fight to restore the power of the purse to Congress..." This description of Ervin is consistent with the way Ralph Nader's Center for the Study of Responsive Law describes him: "Strong on the First and Fourth Amendments (dealing with individual's rights), he doesn't even recognize that the Fourteenth Amendment (dealing with Black people) exists."

ERVIN DEFENDS CONSTITUTION

Possessing one of the worst civil rights voting records in all of Congress, Senator Ervin is obviously a racist. Yet, so far no Black people have entered his new kingly domain at the Watergate hearings, and this side of the senators' nature has remained unseen.

Ervin, like his record shows he would, has defended the Constitution vigorously. So well has the Senator defended the Constitution, he and the rest of the committee seem to have gone on the the offensive. Just a week before the hear-



SAM ERVIN (Fourth from right) and members of his Watergate investigating committee. Although Ervin is a racist, he has been staunchly defending the principles of the constitution in the Watergate affair; he is consequently an enemy of the Nixon administration.

ings closed, Ervin, after learning of the existence of secret tapes Nixon possessed from bugging his own offices, reached with subpoena in hand into the White House itself, in an attempt to snatch off the President's blankets of "national security" and "executive privilege". This bold action was followed almost immediately by the issuing of similar subpoena's by the President's own special prosecutor on Watergate affairs, Archibald Cox. For a Southerner like Ervin, the game of "hounds versus the fox" was never so much fun.

ENEMIES LIST

Yet, for Black and poor people, the Watergate affair has not been "fun" at all. Listed on the White House "Enemies List" was not only the Black Panther Party, and Brother Huey P. Newton, but all 12 members of the Congressional Black Caucus as well. We know that the motive force behind much of the domestic surveillance the Nixon administration conducted was the rebellions which occured in Black communities across the country in the late 1960's. We know what the implications are when Nixon's aide, Charles Colson, orders a copy of THE BLACK PANTHER smuggled into the hotel room of George Wallace's attempted assassin, Arthur Bremer. We can see, with our own eyes, the exclusion of Black and other minorities from the top levels of government and therefore exclusion from decision-making positions, as one White middle-class man after another parades before the Senate committee. (It must be the purest "lily-white" when they can't even get one Black person involved.)

We can expect the Watergate affair to go even deeper into the bowels of high-level government corruption and crime. (Already, on the same day in fact that the hearings recessed, news broke in Baltimore that Vice-President Spiro Agnew was under investigation of charges including bribery, extortion and tax fraud. Undoubtedly this subject will be carefully scrutinized when the hearings re-convene.)

Perhaps, though unlikely, the true "Gemstone" objective will be unravelled before us. Perhaps Senator Ervin and the rest of the Senate Select Committee will conclude, as others have, that the Watergate cover-up was itself a cover-up; that Nixon's objective was not re-election alone, but rather, the establishment and concentration of power within his hands alone. Perhaps they will finally realize that Nixon's goal was singly and exclusively power, absolute control.

Meanwhile, once again, the Black and poor communities of this country find themselves on the outside, looking in. Given the growing "food price crisis", the "meat crisis", the "dollar crisis", many Black and poor people will be forced to turn their attention away from the intrigues of the State and deal with the survival of their families. With the government in choas and the economy in one of its uncontrollable spins, confusion might soon reign supreme; clouding some issues for others of a more immediate nature.

Yet, though Nixon's failures in the field of economics might momentarily overshadow his failures and corruption in the field of government, serious and grave issues have been raised; issues which must be answered. The breath and scope of the threat this administration poses includes



Security Blanket

not only the U.S. Constitution, but the American people and the people of the world, within its menancing domain. A realistic assessment of strengths and weaknesses leads directly to the conclusion that if Nixon and those of his like prevail, the most overtly totalitarian society in the history of the world will be the result. Like it or not, the U.S. Constitution can be effectively used as one of the weapons we use in our own defense. To fail to use it against our enemies, and in the people's interests, would be a mistake.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

BLACK PANTHER PARTY PROGRAM
MARCH 29, 1972 PLATFORM

WHAT WE WANT, WHAT WE BELIEVE

1. WE WANT FREEDOM. WE WANT POWER TO DETERMINE THE DESTINY OF OUR BLACK AND OPPRESSED COMMUNITIES.

We believe that Black and oppressed people will not be free until we are able to determine our destinies in our own communities ourselves, by fully controlling all the institutions which exist in our communities.

2. WE WANT FULL EMPLOYMENT FOR OUR PEOPLE.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every person employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the American businessmen will not give full employment, then the technology and means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. WE WANT AN END TO THE ROBBERY BY THE CAPITALIST OF OUR BLACK AND OPPRESSED COMMUNITIES.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules were promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of Black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million Black people. Therefore, we feel this is a modest demand that we make.

4. WE WANT DECENT HOUSING FIT FOR THE SHELTER OF HUMAN BEINGS.

We believe that if the landlords will not give decent housing to our Black and oppressed communities, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that the people in our communities, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for the people.

5. WE WANT EDUCATION FOR OUR PEOPLE THAT EXPOSES THE TRUE NATURE OF THIS DECADENT AMERICAN SOCIETY. WE WANT EDUCATION THAT TEACHES US OUR TRUE HISTORY AND OUR ROLE IN THE PRESENT-DAY SOCIETY.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If you do not have knowledge of yourself and your position in the society and the world, then you will have little chance to know anything else.

6. WE WANT COMPLETELY FREE HEALTH CARE FOR ALL BLACK AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE.

We believe that the government must provide, free of charge, for the people, health facilities which will not only treat our illnesses, most of which have come about as a result of our oppression, but which will also develop preventative medical programs to guarantee our future survival. We believe that mass health education and research programs must be developed to give all Black and oppressed people access to advanced scientific and medical information, so we may provide ourselves with proper medical attention and care.

7. WE WANT AN IMMEDIATE END TO POLICE BRUTALITY AND MURDER OF BLACK PEOPLE, OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOR, ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

We believe that the racist and fascist government of the United States uses its domestic enforcement agencies to carry out its program of oppression against Black people, other people of color and poor people inside the United States. We believe it is our right, therefore, to defend ourselves against such armed forces, and that all Black and oppressed people should be armed for self-defense of our homes and communities against these fascist police forces.

8. WE WANT AN IMMEDIATE END TO ALL WARS OF AGGRESSION.

We believe that the various conflicts which exist around the world stem directly from the aggressive desires of the U.S. ruling circle and government to force its domination upon the oppressed people of the world. We believe that if the U.S. government or its lackeys do not cease these aggressive wars that it is the right of the people to defend themselves by any means necessary against their aggressors.

9. WE WANT FREEDOM FOR ALL BLACK AND POOR OPPRESSED PEOPLE NOW HELD IN U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, CITY AND MILITARY PRISONS AND JAILS. WE WANT TRIALS BY A JURY OF PEERS FOR ALL PERSONS CHARGED WITH SO-CALLED CRIMES UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS COUNTRY.

We believe that the many Black and poor oppressed people now held in U.S. prisons and jails have not received fair and impartial trials under a racist and fascist judicial system and should be free from incarceration. We believe in the ultimate elimination of all wretched, inhuman penal institutions, because the masses of men and women imprisoned inside the United States or by the U.S. military are the victims of oppressive conditions which are the real cause of their imprisonment. We believe that when persons are brought to trial that they must be guaranteed, by the United States, juries of their peers, attorneys of their choice and freedom from imprisonment while awaiting trials.

10. WE WANT LAND, BREAD, HOUSING, EDUCATION, CLOTHING, JUSTICE, PEACE AND PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY CONTROL OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY.

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.

Intercommunal News

Africa In Focus

NIGERIA

A high level Nigerian delegation left Lagos, Nigeria last week for Ethiopia, Somalia and Sudan. The team, authorized by Organization of African Unity Chairman General Yakubu Gowon, also the head of state of Nigeria, will visit each of the three countries for talks on the long-standing border dispute between Ethiopia and Somalia. The Nigerian *Daily Times* reports that the team carries notes from General Gowon, to the heads of states of the three north-east African countries.

RHODESIA

Ian Smith, rebel Prime Minister of the racist Rhodesian regime, last week said racial segregation in Rhodesia was for the protection of the Africans, claiming that without such legislation "Europeans with their superior know-how would soon have owned most of the land in Rhodesia". Speaking at the opening of a Dental Congress in Victoria Falls, Smith said he knew the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity would not agree. He added: "But then we have learned from experience that nothing we do will ever receive approval from these people unless we all pack up and move out." Right on, Mr. Smith.

MOZAMBIQUE

Dutch Catholic priests in Mozambique have been quoted as saying that Portuguese troops "stomped infants to death" before assembled villagers. "To show the Africans they have to obey the army, soldiers enter a village and tear a child away from its mother's back. They throw the child into a clearing used for stomping maize and rice. The child is then literally stomped into pulp while the whole village population is forced to look on."

WEST GERMANY

Recently 80 action groups ranging from Christian student groups to Communist organizations met in Dortmund, West Germany. The subject of the meeting was West German relations with southern Africa. It was decided to launch campaigns against German companies, such as Krupp, Siemens and Telefuken, which are heavily involved economically in South Africa, Angola and Mozambique.

GUINEA-BISSAU

LIBERATED AREAS TO DECLARE INDEPENDENCE

The liberated areas of Guinea-Bissau will declare themselves independent before the end of the year. This was announced at the Second Congress of the PAIGC (Pan-Africanist Congress for the Independence of Guinea and the Cape Verde Islands) held in July in the liberated territories. The election of a Popular Assembly was decided upon to prepare for the proclamation of the independent state of Guinea-Bissau.

The assembly, elected by the liberated areas, which comprise more than four-fifths of the territory of Guinea-Bissau, will select the new country's leaders and draw up and adopt the country's first constitution after more than 400 years of Portuguese colonial rule.

The Congress was attended by 60 delegates and 138 observers representing all the areas of the country, including the non-liberated one-fifth. They also represented the various tribes, the party and the armed forces.

The Congress formally elected Aristide Pereira Secretary-General of PAIGC, replacing the former Secretary-General, Amilcar Cabral, assassinated last January by Portuguese agents. The 49-year-old Aristide Pereira, an electronics technician, helped found the PAIGC in 1956. He has held the post of party leader since Gabral's assassination.

Guinea-Bissau will be the first of the African territories held by Portugal to reach this stage in the continuing liberation struggle. Although the liberation movements in Mozambique and Angola, both Portuguese-ruled territories, are continually liberating more territory, nowhere has the struggle been more developed than in Guinea-Bissau.

Meanwhile, the long-time Portuguese governer and Commander-in-Chief of Guinea-Bissau, Antonio de Spinola has been fired and ordered to return to Portugal as of August 6. The action was taken, according to a German newspaper, because of a recent intereview in which the governor stated that a social revolution should be undertaken in Guinea-Bissau to eliminate the gross injustices there and thereby win over the liberation forces.

In the interview the governor spoke out against repression of the population and said that a solution will only be possible on a political basis. He will be replaced by a general who



Portuguese-dominated areas are in Black.

previously commanded Portuguese "counter-insurgency" forces in eastern Angola; however, the replacement has not yet been officially confirmed.

In a speech broadcast over Portugese radio and television recently, Portugal's Prime Minister, Marcello Caetano, said Portugal will hold onto its so-called "overseas provinces" (meaning Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Angola). He was attempting to counter wide-scale protest around the world to recent reports of atrocities and massacres of African people in Mozambique.

"The aim of Portugal is to be able to integrate all the races into one Portuguese society", claimed the Prime Minister. Otherwise, both South Africa and Rhodesia would be "threatened", he said.

"To allow the white settlers in Angola, Mozambique and Guinea-Bissau to declare their independence in a way similar to Rhodesia", or to hand over power to those so-called "liberation movements" would leave these regions "to the mercy of the native populations, the incompetence of the leaders and of tribal warfare", Caetano claimed.

The racist slurs against the African people of Guinea-Bissau, Angola and Mozambique, the obvious concern for protecting the racist regime of Rhodesia and the fascist repression of South Africa, make clear Portual's absolute opposition to the liberation of the African territories over which it has ruled.

Thus, it is also clear, that the African peoples of these territories have no alternative but to achieve their own freedom and independence by all means necessary. Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Angola will be free.

DROUGHT

FIRST HAND REPORT ON AFRICAN DROUGHT

NIGERIAN JOURNALIST TRAVELS TO LAKE CHAD



Printed below are excerpts from a feature news article which appeared recently in the Daily Times *of Nigeria. The article, which vividly documents the unprecedented drought and famine in West Africa, was written by the Deputy Features Editor, Doyin Aboaba, after he journeyed from Maiduguri, Nigeria, to Lake Chad. Chad, a distance of over 100 miles. The author details the full breath and scope as only a native African can, as a neighbor who sees within the horror his own brothers and sisters. THE BLACK PANTHER is pleased to present this article to our readers and we urge all Black and progressive communities everywhere to join the growing demand that the government of the United States immediately supply massive aid to these drought-stricken countries.*

Leaving these first few villages, you suddenly feel you are on the fringe of the desert. The soil becomes arid and sandy; it is strewn with small rocks. These small rocks are a shattering menace to the motorists' windscreens. The windscreens of the van I was travelling in got broken and we met other vehicles with broken windscreens.

The shrubs and trees have withered and died. The heat becomes unbearable and swirling dust storms frequently obscure your view. For miles after mile, the only cattle seen - apart from scrawny carcasses - are those clustered round small puddles which can hardly sustain them, and those which have collapsed after ranging over the scorched earth looking in vain for fodder.

The road is raised on both sides 15 miles to Baga, and when I asked the reason for this I was told that sometime ago, Lake Chad flowed up to that point. Thus it is necessary to raise the road above the lake level.

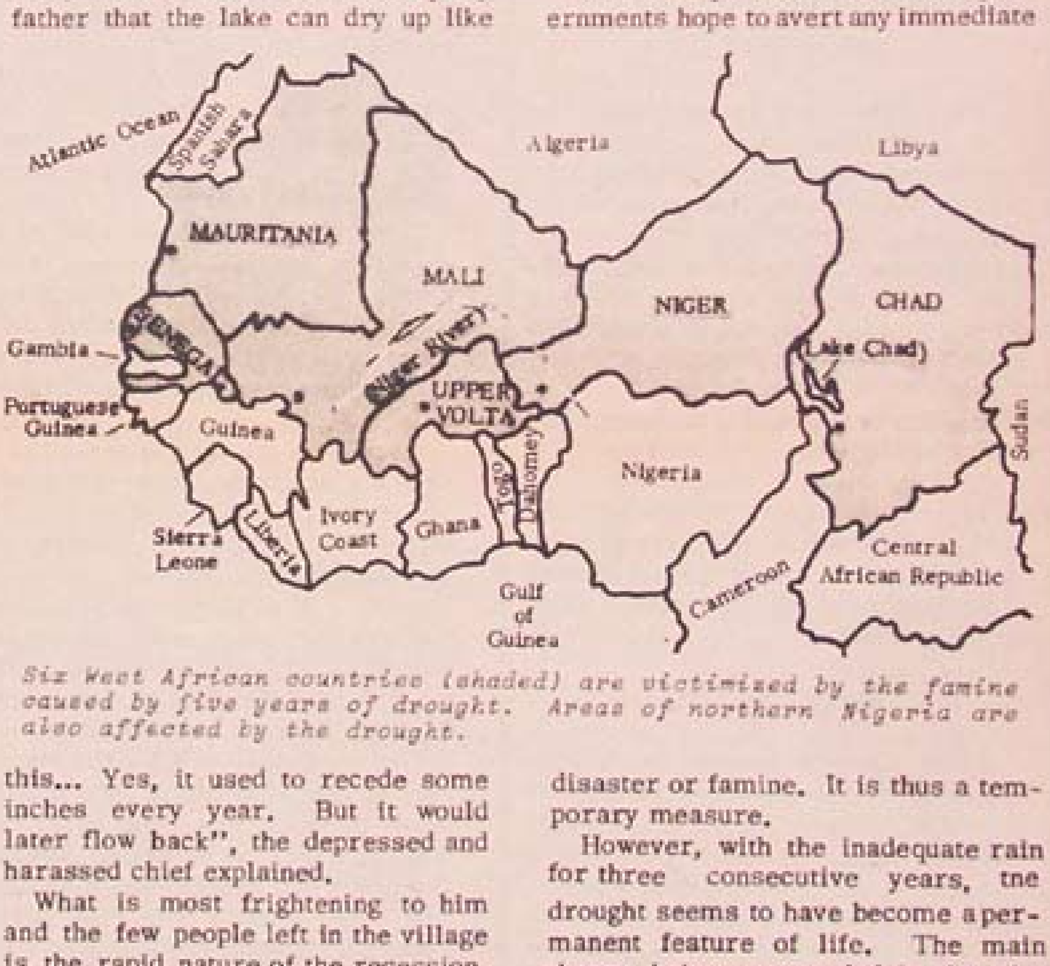
Now everything is dry and desolate; but there is a lone white building on the left hand of the road. The building is the Rest House for tourists.

But sadly what used to be a boisterous environment has now become the rendezvous for the bewildered tourists who now visit Baga to see the havoc wrought by the drought. The once fascinating lake is now receding very rapidly, and this is enough mystery to attract visitors.

Talking to the village head, Mallam Maina Mustafa, I was told that apart from fishing, irrigation and farming are seriously affected by the drought. The lake which once formed their natural dam is now drying up.

"We have learnt to depend largely on the lake the same way our forefathers did. But now that we no longer have the lake, I don't know what to do.

"We have never experienced this before, neither have I been told by my father that the lake can dry up like this... Yes, it used to recede some inches every year. But it would later flow back", the depressed and harassed chief explained.



Six West African countries (shaded) are victimized by the famine caused by five years of drought. Areas of northern Nigeria are also affected by the drought.

What is most frightening to him and the few people left in the village is the rapid nature of the recession. A government guide from the Rest House observed: "If you mark the tip of the receding lake now, tomorrow it would have receded much further. I have heard stories of disappearing lakes and this seems to be one in action."

With vast areas of land becoming increasingly barren, they seem to have been caught in a vicious cycle from which the arrival of increasingly inadequate rains and short-term drought solutions seem incapable of releasing them.

The effects of the drought vary from state to state. Hence the needs of the victims - both human and cattle - are not only varied but also have peculiarities that must be taken into consideration.

Finally, the victims are scattered in hamlets and villages near and far. Some are easily accessible while others are difficult to reach.

Thus a cardinal point in the relief organization, apart from the availability of funds, is the effective distribution of relief aid. It is the problem of making sure that the people who need the aid most are the ones who receive it. As would be expected, there are the unscrupulous few people who are waiting to exploit any situation.

As a working basis there are short-term and long-term programs for consistantly providing grains for the relief organizations. The short-term programs consist of providing grains for the people, fodder for the live stock, water for both the people and their cattle and grains for planting.

With such provisions the state governments hope to avert any immediate disaster or famine. It is thus a temporary measure.

However, with the inadequate rain for three consecutive years, the drought seems to have become a permanent feature of life. The main theory being propounded is that the Sahara is now moving southwards.

We are told that there is a world water shortage this year in a wide range of countries which are being studied by meterologists. Maybe a trend will be established after the study.

There is also the wide spread opinion that out-dated agricultural methods and general pollution of the soil have contributed to the drought situation.

Both trends of thoughts are reflected in the long-term programs. For instance more irrigation dams are to be built and scientific methods of farming are being introduced to the farmers through model farms to be run by the state governments.

RIZZO'S SPIES

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told the press they believe Rizzo has been compiling dossiers (investigation files) on them for years.

Rizzo is involved in a bitter struggle for control of the Democratic Party in Philadelphia and Camiel and Schwartz are his principal opposition. His chances of running for governor next year on the Democratic Party ticket depend a great deal on the removal of Schwartz and Camiel from their respective party positions.

Schwartz and Camiel said Rizzo began spying on them back in early March, when they split over who the Democratic Party would support for District Attorney in this years state elections. After Democrats endorsed a man Rizzo opposed, he swore to "purge" Camiel and Schwartz, and see them go to jail.

When Rizzo learned that the press had discovered his secret spy squad, he responded by making one of his typically bold remarks -- "I'm going to increase the number (of the spy squad) to 64 so we can watch some of these scoundrels and see where they go to pick up their loot."

A POLICE-STATE MENTALITY

Schwartz has charged that in addition to his being followed by policemen, his home is kept under constant surveillance. He said that in May, 1973, while he and his family were away, a relative checking on his house caught three policemen and a plainclothes detective inside his home. Nothing had been taken or appeared disturbed, and police had not recorded a burglary at the home. Schwartz's response, to being spied on by Rizzo was, "I just have to accept it all for what it is, political harassment by a police-state mentality".

The Philadelphia press has interviewed a number of businessmen who have been questioned by Rizzo's special unit. One official of a liquor business (Camiel owns two been distributorships) said, "...two men showed up here one day and wanted to know about Camiel. They asked if he'd done anything wrong and was involved in any hanky-panky". When the official said he didn't know of any, "the officers told me if I heard of anything to call them, and I'd always have a friend".

Since Rizzo has become mayor, he has had more opportunity to show his sick, "strong-arm" mentality. Speaking before the Fraternal Order of Police recently, Rizzo called for the re-establishment of the death penalty and publically advocated lynching. "Let's bring the electric chair back", he said. "Anyway they want to do it. Even with a piece of rope...I could care less if it's a deterrent--take that mad dog's life..."



While in the fields, striking Mexican-American farmworkers are constantly harassed and arrested by police, who are conspiring with the racist Teamster Union to destroy the UFW.

FARM WORKERS

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witnessing the "largest and maybe the longest strike in its history".

Meanwhile, reports of unprecedented violence in other strike areas continued to filter in last week as striking farmworkers, particularly in the Fresno County area, were being shot at in the fields and beaten in jail.

On Friday, August 10th, Fresno sheriff's deputies fired upon a group of Mexican - American strikers, claiming the farmworkers ran into the fields and overturned bushels of picked grapes. The farmworkers, however, deny this charge as an outright lie and point to the growing racist collusion between Teamster goons and the sheriff's deputies as the instigating factor for the incident. Luckily, the two farmworkers wounded in the incident were only slightly grazed and were released from the hospital after treatment.

In a seperate incident, also in Fresno County, nine UFW pickets, including representatives of the United Electrical Workers Union and the Communication Workers of America, were beaten with jagged clubs, sprayed with fire hoses and forced to run a gauntlet while in Fresno jail.

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DELLUM'S CORNER

OPPOSES NIXON'S WELFARE PLAN

(Washington, D.C.) - California Congressman Ronald V. Dellums, along with other congressmen, has sent a series of letters to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare protesting the Nixon administration's new welfare proposals.

The Nixon proposals would eliminate all laws which require states, when determining welfare eligibility, to "respect the rights of individuals under federal, state and local laws" so that actions of state officials cannot "result in practices that violate the individual's privacy or personal dignity or harass him..."

Congressman Dellums insists that the proposed regulations would cut out the prohibition against harassment.

"Recent HEW actions appear to be a deliberate and calculated attempt to promulgate rather than relieve the oppression of the oppressed", Congressman Dellums said.

CALIF. PRISONERS DENIED

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and regulations booklet. That an essential part of the dehumanizing process is to keep the inmate on the defensive--only being informed of obligations; never told of rights.

The current booklet also contains regulations concerning administrative personnel, institution heads and employee rules. We are told that prison officials are fearful of inmates knowing the rules and regulations governing the behavior of employees of the institution.

And yet, it is consistent with the most basic laws of human interaction that ALL have duties, obligations and rights. The situation in which the rights of prison inmates as well as their obligations in the day-to-day operation of institutions are withheld must end. The new "little Red Book" of the California Department of Corrections must be put into the hands of every person affected by it. That certainly includes the prison inmates.

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ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

N.H. PRISON

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On April 2nd, at a State House press conference, a New Hampshire Prison guard "blew the whistle" on Warden Vitek. The guard was Gerard Forrest.

Guard Forrest said: "The prison lockup was phoney and guard-inspired." Furthermore, "The prisonsers were used as scapegoats to cover-up rebellion by guards against the warden". Guards had complained "the inmates are running the place" and of "permissive attitudes" towards the prison inmates.

Many guards threatened to resign in protest against Vitek if he failed to please them. Hence, guard Forrest said, "Vitek lied to the press when he said that a riot and escape were imminent". Forrest was "suspended" by Vitek quickly; less than 48 hours after the news conference.

Then on March 17, Vitek ordered the transfers of nine brothers to federal facilities. He called them "troublemakers" and "Third-Worlders" to justify the transfers and the money he got for the transfers from the state legislature. By June 18, Vitek was forced to explain his reasons for ordering the transfers in federal court before Judge Bownes and members of the public. This was the first time he had been subject to public scrutiny of any kind.

Judge Bownes is expected to give his ruling and opinion on the transfer suit within the next few weeks.



Food cooperatives are an answer to the present high cost of food.

FOOD CONSPIRACY

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establishing a group in which all the members are serious and plan to stick it out over the initiation period.

The best food cooperatives have arisen out of already established, closely-knit, organized community or church groups, all the members of which are well known to each other. Lacking this initial closeness, groups arising out of neighborhoods in which the members live near one another have been successful.

Other problems are getting members of the group to undertake the tasks of going early in the morning to wholesalers locations, securing adequate transportation requirements for the transport of large quantities of foods and produce and securing a temporary storage area for the food purchased from the wholesaler.

SMALLER PROBLEMS

Smaller problems include: agreement on the products to be purchased, the quantities to buy, setting the prices to be paid by group members and securing the cooperation of all members of the group to undertake the administrative work of the cooperative.

A good bookkeeper or keeper of the records is an absolute necessity.

Food conspiracies/cooperatives are a direct blow to the mark-up by distributors who buy wholesale and sell to retailers at normally double what they paid. They are also a direct blow to the retailer who purchases from the distributor. The retailer places a second mark-up on the food or goods, ostensibly to cover the cost of overhead for a retail location, people to man it and display costs.

Next week THE BLACK PANTHER plans to present a report of an actual food conspiracy here in Oakland which has successfully established itself and now benefits its members in the face of constantly rising food costs.

OPERATION GEMSTONE

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prosecutors pursued pro forma (as a matter of form) investigations into the Watergate break-in. However, for the most part, the investigations were limited to the five men arrested at the Watergate, plus E. Howard Hunt and G. Gordon Liddy, who had already been implicated in the incident by the press.

On July 14, Hugh Sloan resigned his position as C.R.P. (Committee to Re-elect the President) Treasurer. Although, he initially gave family reasons for his resignation, he was later to admit that he had resigned because of pressure from Jeb Magruder to perjure himself before federal prosecutors and the federal grand jury on questions relating to how much C.R.P. money had been given to G. Gordon Liddy. "I have no intention of perjuring myself", Sloan told Magruder. "You may have to", Magruder responded. He was also pressured by C.R.P. Deputy Director Fred LaRue to take the Fifth Amendment. When he asked John Mitchell what he should do, Mitchell answered cryptically, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going."

PROSECUTION LIMITED

Since Sloan could not in good conscience follow these requests of his superiors, he felt he had to resign.

On July 17, Sloan told federal prosecutors of Magruder's pressure to commit perjury. However, the prosecutors did not pursue this obvious evidence of attempts by higher-ups to cover-up the affair, and continued to limit the investigation to the seven persons already implicated.

Other examples of the rather casual investigation made by the prosecutors abound. No search warrant was ever issued for James McCord's home, the office of his private security firm, or his office at the C.R.P. headquarters. Even after G. Gordon Liddy had been implicated, no search warrant was issued for the campaign committee's offices.

The tap on Spencer Oliver's telephone at the D.N.C. offices was not discovered until September, and then it was discovered by the Democrats themselves after the testimony of Alfred Baldwin was made available. And finally, the prosecutors totally ignored the information they had received concerning the secret Hunt papers that the White House had first secreted and then destroyed. Fortunately John W. Dean III had been cunning enough to hide away sufficient documents to rip open the entire affair later after the White House selected the young lawyer as the goat for the Gemstone cover-up of the cover-up.

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The FBI investigation was similarly limited. The Justice Department, through Attorney General Richard Kleindienst and Henry B. Petersen, Justice Department liaison man with the Bureau, in concert with White House aides, had pressured acting FBI director Gray to hold back on the investigation. When three FBI agents insisted on pursuing the investigation to the question of White House involvement, two of them were transferred by Gray to field offices outside of Washington, and the third resigned rather than be transferred.

When heat from the press finally forced Gray to permit his agents to interview White House staffers, Gray allowed John Dean to sit in on the interviews, even though Gray knew that Dean had lied to him earlier about his knowledge of Howard Hunt's office in the White House, and furthermore, Gray knew that Dean had been involved in bringing G. Gordon Liddy to the C.R.P. Gray also sent reports of over eighty interviews with C.R.P. officials to Dean.

On August 26, the General Accounting Office released a report listing eleven "apparent and possible" violations of the new campaign law on the part of the Committee to Re-Elect the President. The violations included failure to report or keep proper records on some $350,000 in contributions, including the $25,000 Andreas contribution and the $89,000 in Mexican - washed Texas contributions which were used to finance the Watergate break-in.

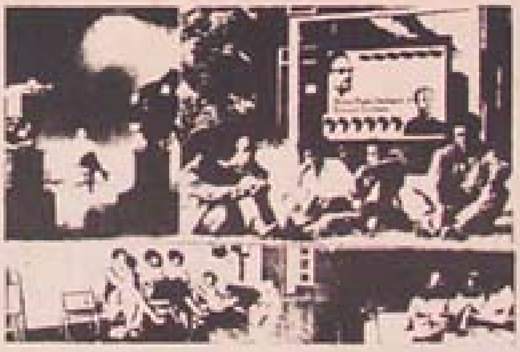
Demands began to mount for the appointment of a special, independent prosecutor to pursue the Watergate case and the campaign money violations, on the grounds that the Nixon Administration should not be given sole authority to investigate itself. Attorney General Kleindienst called this suggestion "impossible". "The government is entitled to make its own case", Kleindienst explained. "A special investigator might issue its reports the night before the elections." Kleindienst named Assistant Attorney General Henry Petersen to take over the prosecution of the Watergate case.

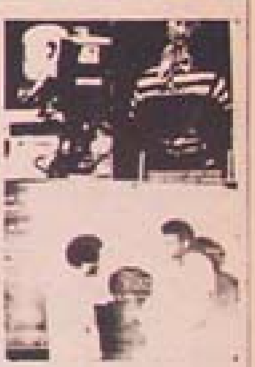
In the meantime, Richard M. Nixon was re-nominated for the Presidency by the Republican Party at its convention in Miami, amid demonstrations and counter - demonstrations concerning the continuing war in Indo China.

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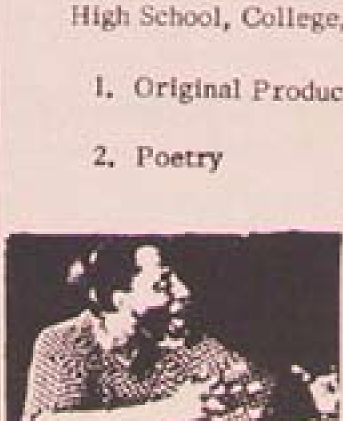




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FARMWORKERS

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The men, part of over 3,000 UFW picketers arrested in Fresno, Tulare, and Kern Counties since massive arrests began July 18th--arrestees including 14 priests and 15 nuns--were described as being in a "semi-stupor" when union doctors arrived to treat their wounds.

In Livingston, California, over 70 farmworker families and more than 400 children are facing eviction. The families, formerly permanent workers in the Gallo (wine) fields, have been out on strike for close to a month now following the illicit signing of Teamster contracts by owner/grower Robert Gallo.

A judge in Merced, California, is expected to issue an injunction next week which will allow Gallo to forcibly evict the farmworkers, many of whom have been living there 10-14 years.

Hit hard, yet coming back strong, Cesar Chavez outlined the over-all situation this way: "We're not afraid of struggle...if this is what it takes to make the union a free and democratic union for good people, we're willing to do it. As long as there's one ounce of strength in our bodies, that ounce will be used to fight for this just cause."

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